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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: John J. Connors, III et al.

Appln. No.: 10/813,423

Filed: March 30, 2004

For: Wire Guide

Attorney Docket No: 8627-452 (PA-5344-RFB/DIV)

Examiner:

Art Unit:

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; Cited References
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
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- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
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Respectfully submitted,

July 21, 2005
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)
	Nurdin, N., Lubricating Coating On Polyurethane Catheter, http://www.unige.ch/gap-b/projet/nathalie/catheter.html
	MatWeb, Chemical Properties Overview For PTFE, http://www.matweb.com/search/SpecificMaterial.asp?bassnum=O1900

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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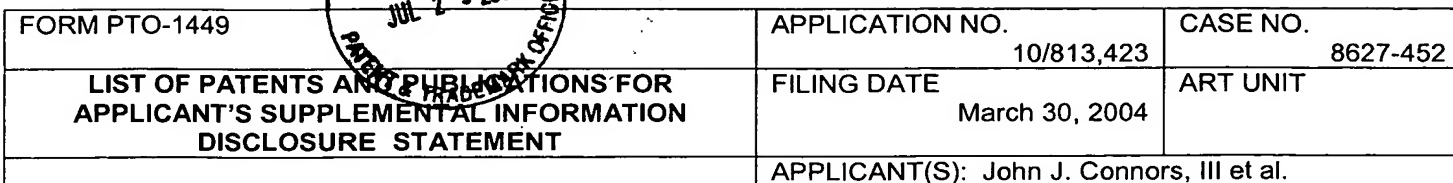
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